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POSTMUS SECURES FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER AIR CONDITIONING

JOSHUA TREE--First District San Bernardino County Supervisor Bill Postmus has obtained funding for a new air conditioning unit for the Community Center in County Service Area 20, Joshua Tree (CSA 20). The Board of Supervisors approved the funds at their Tuesday meeting.

The District will receive \$65,000 in the form of a grant from the County of San Bernardino Economic & Community Development Department. This grant will enable CSA 20 to replace the old 20-ton air conditioning unit with two energy-efficient 10-ton air conditioning units.

Upon taking office in December, Postmus immediately set out to obtain these funds. "The Community Center is really important to Joshua Tree residents because it's used by the senior citizens for their lunch program, by the children of the Joshua Tree Kids Club, and by the community at large," Postmus said.

The original air conditioning unit was installed at the time the Community Center was built and it had not been upgraded since that time. The unit was outdated and in the past had difficulty keeping the building cool during the extremely hot summer months. At the end of last summer, the air conditioning unit failed and CSA 20 did not have the funds to replace the system.

The community was facing a summer without air conditioning, until the Board of Supervisors approved the funds for the two new air conditioning units. The new air conditioning units are much more energy efficient than the old units, which will also benefit CSA 20 in anticipation of higher electric charges this summer, according to Bob Smith, Field Representative to Supervisor Postmus.